

CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS CODE
SECTION. 34.670. TEMPORARY SIGNS
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Sec. 34-670. Temporary signs.

- (a) Temporary signs are permitted in the city for 90 days or for a duration of time specified for the type of sign. Temporary signs require a sign permit if specified below. Temporary signs shall not be illuminated. Failure to remove a temporary sign within the allowed time-frame shall result in a violation of this article. No temporary sign shall be located within, on, or over public right-of-way, public lands, or utility poles, or be located in a required sight visibility triangle. No temporary sign shall impede traffic or pedestrian flow, or create an unsafe or hazardous situation on or off the property. Only the sign face shall be counted toward the maximum sign area allowed. No temporary sign shall be placed upon an unimproved lot without the written consent of the property owner filed with the city clerk prior to posting of the sign. The city council shall have the authority to require a temporary sign bond prior to the installation and/or construction of signs in accordance with this section. Signs not posted in accordance with these regulations shall be subject to removal by the city. Any private owner who fails to remove an unlawful sign from his or her property shall be deemed in violation of this section. Any sign not removed within the required time frame shall be considered an abandoned sign and subject to removal without notice.
- (b) Removal; bond required.
 - (1) *Application of bond requirement.*
 - a. Unless exempt under subsection b. below, for all temporary signs at the time of application or prior to installation where no application is required, the applicant shall provide a refundable cash bond to the city's code enforcement department, the condition of which is that all signs permitted in connection with the bond shall be removed by the applicant in accordance with the time limits provided in this section.
 - b. The bond requirement for temporary signs shall not apply to any person placing five or fewer temporary signs none of which exceeds a sign area of six square feet per sign, or five or fewer special event banners upon the premises of a special event, none of which exceed a sign area of eight square feet per sign. All temporary signs posted pursuant to this subsection shall otherwise comply with the applicable regulations of this section. Any person who posts temporary signs pursuant to an exemption from the bond requirement shall be subject to a \$25.00 penalty per sign which is placed in violation of this section or is not removed within the time frames established by this section.
 - (2) *Payment of bond.* Bonds shall be in the principal sum of \$200.00 and the bond shall contain language that authorizes the city to use all or any part of the principal of the bond to cover its expenses in removing the signs if the applicant for the sign permit does not remove the sign within this period of time. Candidates for political office who have qualified by the petition method pursuant to F.S. § 99.095, seeking to post political campaign signs shall be exempt from this bond requirement.
 - (3) *Failure to obtain approval; removal of signs.* If temporary signs are posted and the applicant has failed to obtain approval as required pursuant to this article, the city manager and/or his designee is authorized and directed to cause the signs to be removed immediately. The code compliance director shall keep an estimate of department expenses in removing such signs and no permit will later be granted to any applicant, unless the applicant first pays the expenses of removing such signs, as estimated by the code compliance director. Candidates for political office who have qualified by the petition method pursuant to F.S. § 99.095, seeking to post political campaign signs shall be exempt from this repayment requirement.
 - (4) *Responsibility for hazards; responsibility for removal of signs.* Anyone who has installed a temporary sign, as well as the occupant or property owner, shall remove all such signs upon the issuance of a hurricane

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watch for the city by the National Hurricane Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service. Failure to remove such signs which pose a hazard in hurricane conditions within 24 hours of the issuance of the hurricane watch shall cause the city to retain the bond related to the sign, if applicable, and remove the sign in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(c) Temporary signs shall be permitted subject to compliance to the following provisions:

(3) *Temporary noncommercial speech sign.*

- a. *Sign size.*
 - (i) The maximum size allowed shall be nine square feet on residential properties and 44 square feet on nonresidential/mixed use properties.
 - (ii) An additional nine square feet of signage (residential) or 32 square feet of signage (nonresidential/mixed-use) may be displayed for the time period beginning 90 days prior to an election and terminating five days after the election.
 - (iii) Banner signs shall be allowed on nonresidential and mixed-use developments, up to a maximum size of ten percent of the building facade area on which the banner is mounted.
- b. *Setback.* Signs shall be set back a minimum of five feet from all property lines.
- c. *Sign height.* Maximum sign height shall be eight feet.
- d. *Duration.*
 - (i) Temporary noncommercial signs shall not be displayed for more than 90 days.
 - (ii) The additional signage described in paragraph (3)a(ii) above shall be erected no earlier than 90 days prior to the first primary election. Signs shall be removed within five days after the last election in the election season.

According to City of Miami Gardens Code of Ordinances; temporary noncommercial speech signs may be displayed on **May 22, 2024, which is 90 days prior to the August 20, 2024 Primary Election.** This signed application must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk accompanied with a check payable to the City of Miami Gardens in the amount \$200.00 or a bond in the principal sum of \$200.00 with language that authorizes the city to use all or any part of the principal of the bond to cover its expenses in removing the signs if the applicant for the sign permit does not remove the sign within this period of time. Candidates for political office who have qualified by the petition method pursuant to F.S. § 99.095, seeking to post political campaign signs shall be exempt from this bond requirement.

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF CITY CLERK: _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____